

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review - Review
of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules
Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act
of 1996, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23,
2002)

To: The Secretary, FCC Commissioners, and Chief, Media Bureau

On June 2, unless public outcry is sufficient, FCC commissioners are likely to vote for rule changes enabling big media to grow even bigger. Do American citizens think one big TVRadioNewspaper is enough? Hard to say, as big media hasn't given the issue coverage prominent enough to alert the general public to the vote and its enormous implications.

A recent CNN poll suggests that Americans overwhelmingly oppose this action -- once they are made aware of it. What possible motivation could FCC Chairman Michael Powell and Republican commissioners have in rejecting a suggested postponement of the June 2 vote? Can they serve in the public interest and not seek to promote full public awareness and comment?

Columnist William Safire suggests, "Let's debate this out in the open, take polls, get the president on the record and turn up the heat." This would be the approach of a true and active democracy. Let it also be ours.

Sincerely

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